

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0033] on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The members of the plurality 14 are in wireless communication with one another as described in more detail subsequently. Each of the members of the plurality 14 incorporates, for example, an RF antenna 16-1 . . . 16-w which is coupled to a transceiver in the respective unit, best seen in FIG. 1A, to provide bi-directional communication between the members of the plurality 14 as well as the synchronizing control unit 12. It will be understood that the details of such communications are not a limitation of the present invention. Additionally, whether or not the members 14 are in uni-directional communication with the synchronizing circuitry 12 or bi-directional communication is not a limitation of the present invention. --

Please replace paragraph [0038] on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The unit ~~14-I14-i~~ receives electrical energy from an internal source 36. Source 36 can be implemented as a self-contained battery where the unit ~~14-I14-i~~ is carried within housing 38 and is mountable to a selected surface as appropriate for its function or functions as would be understood by those of skill in the art. Alternately, energy source 36 can be coupled to an exterior source of energy, such as utility supplied power if desired. --

Please replace paragraph [0044] on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- While any device is transmitting, all the devices keep their receivers ON to receive any and all messages. This enables all devices to integrate the state conditions of other detectors with their own state to determine the response of the device (sound horn, turn on relay, etc.). For example, if the devices turn on a relay to activate a sprinkler system, they could require that other grouped devices or detectors also have a state condition that matches their own state condition. --